

REMARKS

This application has been amended by canceling claims 1-9 and 11-16, rewriting claims 10 and 17, and adding new claim 18. Claims 10, 17 and 18 remain in the application for reconsideration.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hansen et al. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al in view of Rach et al. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al in view of Rach et al. and further in view of Rosenthal. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al in view of Rach et al. and Rosenthal, and further in view of Cushing. Claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al in view of Rach et al., Rosenthal and Cushing, and further in view of de Estrada. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al in view of Rosenthal. Claims 12-13 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al in view of Cushing. Claims 14-16 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen et al in view of Cushing, and further in view of de Estrada. Claims 1-9 and 11-16 have been cancelled.

The Examiner indicated that claims 10 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 10 and 17 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and are therefore believed allowable.

New claim 18 incorporates all of the limitations of claims 15 and 16 and their base claim and intervening claims, but further includes the limitation that the cap is frictionally secured so as to permit complete rotation about the longitudinal axis of the extension arm. While the applicant agrees that the cap of de Estrada can inherently be

selectively rotated a finite amount, the de Estrada structure cannot provide complete rotation about the longitudinal axis as is required in new claim 18. It is therefore believed that claim 18 is allowable.

For the reasons above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



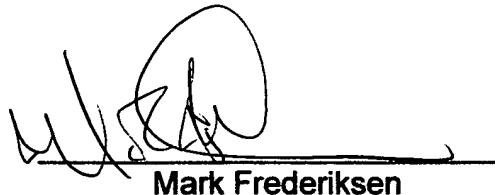
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